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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Michael J. Rinaldi, D.O., a 44 year-old physician practicing in West Des Moines, Iowa, had disciplinary charges filed against his Iowa medical license. The Board charged Dr. Rinaldi with engaging in a sexual relationship with a patient in violation of appropriate physician-patient boundaries. Dr. Rinaldi treated a female patient for a sinus condition from February 2003 to January 2004 and he inappropriately engaged in a sexual relationship with the patient between June and November 2003. A hearing is scheduled in this matter for August 31, 2004.

Julian C. Serrano, M.D., a 50 year-old physician practicing in Des Moines, Iowa, had disciplinary charges filed against his Iowa medical license. The Board charged Dr. Serrano with engaging in unprofessional conduct when engaged in a pattern of sexual harassment of subordinate female co-workers in 2002 and 2003. Dr. Serrano was charged in 1996 with engaging in an inappropriate sexual relationship with the mother of two children he treated in violation of appropriate physician-patient boundaries. Dr. Serrano's license was suspended in 1996, he underwent sexual misconduct treatment and his license was placed on probation subject to certain terms and conditions. Dr. Serrano was released from probation in May 2002. A hearing is scheduled in this matter for August 31, 2004.

Robert I. Solomon, M.D., a 48 year-old physician practicing in Williamsburg, Virginia, had disciplinary charges filed against his Iowa medical license. The Board charged Dr. Solomon with entering into a voluntary agreement which restricted his practice in Virginia. On December 3, 1990, Dr. Solomon entered into a Consent Order with the Virginia Board of Medicine to address serious concerns regarding his controlled substance prescribing practices to several patients from 1987 – 1990. On October 25, 2002, Dr. Solomon entered into a second Consent Order with the Virginia Board to address new concerns regarding his pain management and controlled substance prescribing practices to seven patients between 1993 – 2000. A hearing is scheduled in this matter for August 31, 2004.